

MINUTES OF THE DUBUQUE SOIL AND WATER
 CONSERVATION DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
 EPWORTH IA
 NOVEMBER 11, 2020

Call Meeting to Order: The monthly meeting of the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Commissioners was called to order by Chairperson Melvin Wilgenbusch at 1:09 p.m. on a Zoom Call on November 11, 2020. Those present included Staff: Colleen Siefken; Commissioners: Melvin Wilgenbusch, Dave Ruden, Wayne Demmer, Jeff Schmitt & Mike Freiburger; Guest Speakers: Claire Carlson & Eric Schmechel.

Adopt Agenda: Being no additions or changes the agenda was approved as written.

20-106 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by Ruden. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting: Wilgenbusch called for a discussion of the October 13, 2020 meeting minutes.

20-107 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the minutes. Motion seconded by Freiburger. Motion carried unanimously.

Guest Speaker Claire Carlson - CDI: Updated the board on the Soil & Water Resource Conservation Plan (SWRCP) process. Next will be a public brainstorming meeting scheduled for November 16th from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. through the ZOOM platform. Board is asked to consider if they wish to set aside 2 or 3 additional meeting dates **OR** form a committee to work on goals and hopefully wrap up by early January. Claire will forward a draft of the plan she has put together thus far.

FARMS Program Summary: Current **FARMS '21** Account information as per 11/4/20:

Program	Balance	Program	Balance
REAPP	\$ 67.41	REAPF/NG	\$ 2,531.14
Cost Share	\$ 80,615.57		

Cost Share Applications:

IFIP
None
REAP
None

Cost Share Amendments: None

Cost Share Certifications:

Practice Number	Applicant	Cost Share Amount
83680	FRIEDMANN, STANLEY	\$2,550.00
83686	HOSCH, KENNETH	\$2,400.00
83690	VASKE, JAMES	\$525.00
83753	HOEFLER, BRIAN	\$1,050.00
83756	TUCKER, GRETCHEN	\$225.75
83758	KOOPMANN, BRENT	\$825.00
84214	LATTNER, NICHOLAS	\$750.00
84215	WILLE, GREGORY E	\$2,400.00
84228	TAUKE, LAVERNE	\$1,365.00
84402	HODGSON, BRIAN	\$2,400.00
84403	TIGGES, MICHAEL	\$350.00
84407	TIGGES, RICHARD	\$600.00
84414	HAMMERAND, JERRY	\$255.00
84418	COOK, RANDALL	\$2,925.00
84525	GAUL, JAMES	\$1,290.00
84526	GAUL, BRIAN	\$1,462.50
84767	BRAMEL, GARY	\$1,700.00
85023	PLOESSL, DANIEL	\$1,500.00
85871	MEYER, TERRY	\$1,350.00
86497	BUSSAN, ASHLEY	\$956.50
86531	FRIEDMAN, JACK	\$735.00
86535	BONERT, MATTHEW	\$900.00
86732	HOFFMANN, RONALD	\$1,890.00
86933	COOK, TERRENCE	\$2,400.00
87726	HEISLER, AMBROSE	\$750.00
87775	BREHM, PETER	\$687.50
88248	ROSS, JOSEPH	\$750.00

88287	SCHUSTER, ROBERT	\$120.00
88289	SCHUSTER, CRAIG	\$300.00
88454	LAMBE, DANIEL	\$250.00
88455	LAMBE, ROBERT	\$250.00
88052	GOEDKEN, RICHARD	\$1500.00
87782	PULS, CAROL	\$1,500.00
86066	LANGEL, GENE	\$1,950.00
88248	ROSS, JOSEPH	\$750.00
83758	KOOPMAN FARMS LLC	\$829.00
84220	BEHNKE, KENNETH	1,442.50
86670	COYLE, HUGH	100.00
84412	DECKER, ROBERTE	1,875.00
86252	FUNKE, RUSSELL	522.00
85036	MARKHAM, JAMES	193.35
84228	TAUKE, LAVERNE	1,365.00
84651	DECKER, JAMES	2,400.00
83688	LUEKEN, WILFRED	361.50
88281	LEHMANN, JOHN	1,500.00
87774	MCDERMOTT, JOHN	1,500.00
84219	FELDMANN, AMY	945.00
86190	SCHMITT, JOSEPH	2,334.00
87302	WALLER, MATTHEW	600.00
84524	JARDING, JOE	615.00
86650	KNUTH, MARK	3,975.00
86641	KNUTH, RYAN	3,900.00
86648	KNUTH, ERIC	4,000.00

20-108 Motion made by Schmitt to approve the Certifications. Motion seconded by Demmer. Motion carried unanimously.

Cost Share Maintenance Agreements:

None

1M/Finance:

- October Bank Statement was emailed for commissioner review.
- October Treasurer's Report was emailed for commissioner review.

20-109 Motion made by Freiburger to approve the October Treasurer's Report. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

Correspondence Received:

REAP/IFIP Funds Recall/Supplemental Funds – voluntary recall of REAP funds 12/31/20. IFIP fund recall on 12/31/20 on all unobligated funds. Supplemental IFIP requests also due 12/30/20.

CDI Connections – October

Farm Bill Wildlife Biologist Quarterly Partners Report

Bill for utilities at Dubuque County West Campus Soil & Water Office - \$209.73

20-110 Motion made by Demmer to pay the utilities bill and future utility bills related to the office space. Motion seconded by Ruden. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting Updates:

- 11/10/20 – MRWMA meets tonight through ZOOM to review water sampling results.

Personnel:

- Schmechel
 - o Zach Timm of Monticello has been selected as the Conservation Agronomist. Zach's first day is 11/16/20. Zach's starting wage will be \$25.48 per hour. Zach will be allowed to continue part time seed sales, as long as he doesn't sell to Dubuque county residents.
 - o Urban Coordinator position currently being advertised. Applications due by 11/13/20 and 7 applicants have applied thus far. Mike & Dave will assist with the interviews.
 - o Water Monitoring is budgeted in with the partnership funds. It was noted that the SWCD needs to have a contract with the UD regarding what they will be sampling for, location of samplings, how often and charge per sample/analysis.
 - o Equipment for New Employees – currently being discussed with Zach.
 - o ACPF Training – Zach and Eric will attend this 3 day training the first week of December.
 - o BOS have decided to appoint two female landowners (Waldo/Beringer) to serve as their representatives on the Watershed Advisory Committee. They also have allocated \$150,000 to ISA Soil & Water Outcome Fund, \$100,000 to Truterra and \$140,000 to Performance Based Conservation/ Eco Services.

NRCS Updates: Siefken reported the following:

- 2 EQIP Derecho cover crop applications funded
- Weiss is on vacation

2:05 Wilgenbusch left the meeting. Ruden assumed duties of Chairperson.

CRP Conservation Plans & Revisions/Conservation Plans: 0 Conservation plans have been reviewed.

Being no further business to discuss, Ruden requested a motion to adjourn.

20-111 Motion made by Freiburger to adjourn. Motion seconded by Schmitt. Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Dubuque Soil & Water Conservation District Office, Epworth, Iowa.

Melvin Wilgenbusch 12/8/20
Chairperson Date

William Siefken
Secretary Date

